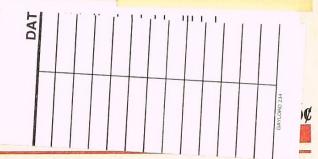
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2 aim to block Michigan Downs license, project

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Molly Tippen Staff Writer

Romulus officials said Monday night that they are not happy that lawyers have filed appeals to the gaming license granted to the proposed Michigan Downs Racetrack last month.

On Friday, attorney Phillip Maxwell filed an appeal on behalf of Van Buren Township businessman Sam Danou to attempt to block the license. Attorney Ed Draugelis also filed an appeal on behalf of Northville Downs, a harness racing track in Northville.

"I can only speak for myself, but I'm not surprised this has happened at all," said Councilman William Wadsworth. "They just don't want us to have racing here; it would mean additional competition for them."

Danou – whose license for the proposed Triple Creek Downs was denied by the Michigan Gaming Board - is attempting to block the Romulus track because he believes acting gaming commissioner Christine White did not have the authority to grant the license to Magna Corp., the company that would operate Michigan Downs.

"We are appealing the decision on two grounds," said Maxwell. "First, (White) is in an acting role, and by state statute, the gaming commissioner has to be appointed by the (state) Senate. She did not have the authority to grant this license."

Maxwell also said he believes the license transfer for a racetrack in Muskegon once operated by Magna violates a state law that specifies that an entity may only have one license in Michigan at a given time.

"There is an anti-monopoly provision in law," he said. "We believe that the transfer was a sham. We believe that that license is still under the control of Magna."

Magna transferred the license for the Muskegon racetrack last year so it could bid on the Romulus license. Richmond Racing is now in control of that venue and license.

Blake Thoma, a spokesperson for Magna, did not return phone calls seeking comment.

Northville Downs also filed an appeal at Wayne County Circuit Court seeking to block the track on the grounds that the region could not support another track so close to Northville Downs. Draugelis did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

Councilman Mike Prybyla said he does not believe the area is being over-saturated with gaming venues.

"People who are interested in horses will go wherever they are," he said. "I don't think we're going to take that much business from (Northville Downs). The people (at Magna) know what they're doing, they operate tracks all over (the country). They will be able to attract people."

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Merriman Road plan is approved

Molly Tippen Staff Writer

A plan to improve Merriman Road within the boundaries of Romulus was approved by officials Monday night at the regular city council meeting.

Mayor Alan Lambert - who is actively trying to get businesses to build establishments along

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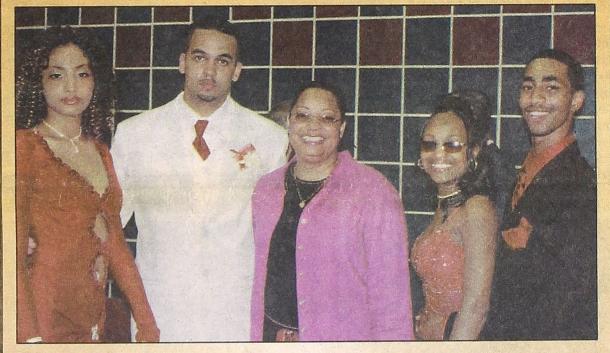
Mayor Alan Lambert

Merriman - said the project is a step in the right direction for the city.

"We like it, the business owners like it, and it's the right thing to do at this time," he said. "We've never had a plan before that addressed the needs of Merriman Road. But that's one of the areas we want to encourage business to go to. The business owners love it - they'd be crazy not to want to be part of it."

The plan aims to make improvements such as adding landscaping, making building improvements, adding lighting and power upgrades on a the

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An ending, and a beginning

Students took part in several activities that mark the end of one aspect of their educational careers this weekend. Students, teachers and invited guests attended a prom toast at Romulus High School before the big dance. Above, students Ariande Quates, Jerrett Smith, board trustee Niema White, students Tiffany Simmons and Aron Spencer take a break from the festivities. Students also attended commencement, where (right) Jazmine Bennett and Ronald Booth were co-valedictorians for the class of 2005



Candidate filing deadlines imminent

Molly Tippen Staff Writer

The deadline is looming for Romulus residents that would like to run for mayor, city clerk, city treasurer or one of seven city council seats.

City Clerk Linda Choate said the deadline to submit applications and petitions to ensure a spot on the ballot is 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 21. At that time, 100 verifiable signatures from registered voters must be turned

So far, 11 city council hopefuls have obtained petitions to seek city council terms, including incumbents William Wadsworth, Mike Prybyla, William Crova, Charles Miller and Leroy Burcroff, and challengers Harry Crout, Alan Hinman, John Barden, Edward Buczkowski and Nema White.

Mayor Alan Lambert so far will face only one challenger for his position - longtime city councilwoman Debbie Romak. No one has obtained petitions to challenge Choate or City Treasurer Pam Kersey.

As of Monday, none of those

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Man killed in botched robbery

Molly Tippen Staff Writer

A man who allegedly broke into a Romulus home Friday night was shot and killed after an altercation with the homeowner, police said.

Thirty-five-year-old Inkster resident Calvin Cheeseborough apparently broke into a home on

He fled the home and was able to get out, but he died in the victim's backyard.

Det. Lt. John Leacher

the 15500 block of Oakbrook Street, police said. He broke a window and made his way to the master bedroom, where he surprised the 38-year-old homeowner, who had a gun, said Romulus Police Det. Lt. John Leacher: The incident took place at 12:30 a.m.

"The (homeowner) said he fired shots at him," Leacher said. "He fled the home and was able to get out, but he died in the victim's backyard. That's where police discovered him."

As far as police can tell, one of the shots severed a main artery in Cheeseborough's leg, and he bled to death, Leacher said.

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Fischer library announces summer programs

Beginning next week, the Fred C. Fischer Library in Belleville will begin summer reading programs for preschool, elementary, middle school and high school students.

"Discover the Magic of Reading Together"—a program for preschool children—will start June 23. Children and parents can participate at the library Read-to-Me program as they share special events including stories, music, crafts and animals. Participants can select a prize from the library treasure chest each week when checking out a book.

The programs will take place: from 2-8 p.m. on June 23, which will be drop-in craft day where everyone will make fairy-tale crafts to take home, at 7 p.m. on June 27, which will be move and groove day where Lisa Davis-English leads people on a journey of fun-filled activities, at 6 p.m. on July 7, where the Farm Lady—

Margaret Schmidt—will bring her farm animals, at 7 p.m. July 14, which will be basically bat day where the Organization for Bat Conservation will teach about the nocturnal creatures and at 7 p.m. on July 28, which will be the final celebration of the program where participants can enjoy refreshments, prizes and other activities to celebrate the end of the summer Read-to-Me program.

"Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds"—for elementary aged readers—will start June 21. The summer reading program will have cool programs and prizes for participants as they explore dragons, dreams and daring deeds through a new performance each week

The programs will take place: at 11 a.m. on June 21, Water Drumworks Day, when an ensemble will perform West African music and dance, at 11 a.m. on June 28, Sir Morgan the Knight

will demonstrate jousting, at 11 a.m. on July 5, Magician Jeff Wawrzaszek will perform, at 11 .am. on July 12 Johnson Marionettes will share the story of The Enchanted Island, at 11 a.m. on July 19 Storyteller Yvonne Healy will share stories of magic and at 11 a.m. on July 26, when the final awards ceremony will take place.

"Joust Read"—the program for teens—will start on June 29. It invites all middle and high school students to join in the summer reading program to win prizes for reading all summer long.

The programs will take place: from 7-8 p.m. on June 29, which will teach participants about Japanese martial arts, from 1-2 p.m. on July 5, which will be the teen magic workshop, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on July 14, a lesson in bat conservation will be given, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on July 21,

teens can learn how to become a published author and from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on July 27, where the final pizza party will take place.

The library is also hosting several activities throughout the

summer for the entire family to enjoy.

For more information about any of the library happenings or to register, contact the library at 734-699-3291.

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Hazardous waste collection day set

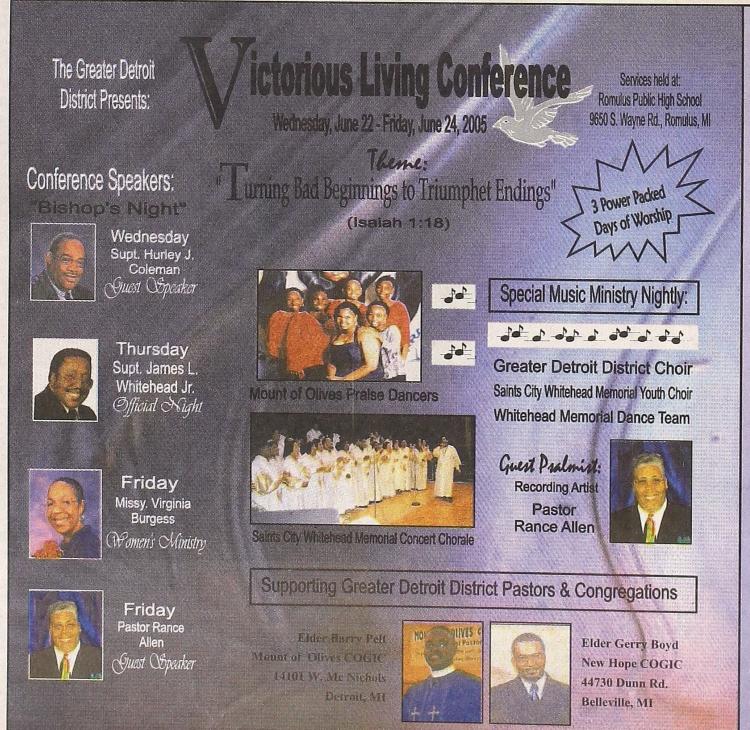
The Wayne County Department of Environment Land Resources Management Division has planned the next household hazardous waste collection from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Aug. 6 at the Redford Public Services complex, located at 12200 Beech Daly Road.

All household hazardous waste items will be accepted at no cost from Wayne County residents only. Examples of acceptable items include: household paints, stains, dyes, floor wax, floor care products, carpet cleaner, furniture polish, bathroom cleaner, stain removers, medicine, nail polish, glue, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticide, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, automotive batteries, dry cell batteries, propane tanks, computer monitors, printers,

scanners, keyboards, mouse, cell phones, fax machines, VCR/cable box and televisions.

In addition, a mercury fever thermometer exchange will take place. A safe digital thermometer will be given to individuals bringing a mercury thermometer for disposal.

For more information, contact the Wayne County Department of Health at 734-326-3936.



Youth Festival

5:30 p.m. (Ages: 3-18) Wednesday & Thursday Refreshments, Sports, Bible Study, Movies and Youth Choir.

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Less technology, more retail in Metro Center plan

Staff Writer

The current plan for technology and office space at the Metro World Center will be curtailed to reflect a turn in the state economic environment.

Metro World Center, a sprawling, 73-acre development bound by Goddard and Grant roads, will be slightly changed to allow commercial and retail development in one area of the project formerly earmarked for technological and office space only.

The reason for the change is the sluggish pace of non-retail business in the state, said Dan Schecter, an attorney representing Metro World Center, at the regular city council meeting Monday.

"I think it's going to be difficult to market technology space at this time - I don't have to tell anyone about what's happening in the auto industry today," he said. "But the good news is that we've talked to retailers, and they are very, very interested in developing in the area."

Though some onlookers at the meeting expressed some doubt about the change of plans -especially when it comes to creating high-paying jobs in Romulus -Mayor Alan Lambert said he doesn't think having the ability to add retail space will negatively affect the stable of available jobs.

"I think many of the retail jobs created will be high-paying jobs," he said. "I also think there's a possibility that there will be a casino in there - which I can't talk about now. But those jobs will pay about \$45,000, which is about what you'd make at an office."

Metro World Center was approved by the Romulus City Council last year, and is considered a mixed-use development made up of stores, restaurants, warehouses, offices, technological entities and residences. City

officials hope it will become a major business center in Wayne County because of its proximity to Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Councilman Leroy Burcroff said he's still hopeful some technology companies will be interested in locating in Romulus.

"This change doesn't mean that we won't be able to have technology companies come in, it just means that we have the option of having retailers come in if they are interested," he said. "This doesn't mean we won't have technology in that corri-

Schecter said the company has received inquiries from several retail entities, including developers of major malls, strip malls, and "lifestyle centers," an open-environment mall made up of small stores with individual entrances, like Fountain Walk in Novi.

"Those centers have been really successful in other communities, and could be a great addition here," he said.

Lambert said a mall setting would be ideal for Romulus. "More shopping, more restaurants is one of the things we need here," he said. "And nothing in the plan would stop an office or technology company from coming here in the future."

Shooting - Charges are possible

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The homeowner's identity is being withheld by police while the investigation is ongoing. Leacher said the department will send the results of the investigation to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, where charges could be filed.

The homeowner - who called police to report the shooting - was unhurt during the gunfire, Leacher said. When police arrived on the scene, they discovered Cheeseborough dead with a mask on his face.

Cheeseborough had been out of prison for 18 months. Russ Marlin, a spokesman for the Michigan Department of Corrections, said he was sent to prison in 1989 for breaking and entering, weapons and robbery

charges that originated out of Wayne County.

In July 1997, while assigned to Camp Ottawa - a work camp in Iron River, Mich., operated by the prison system - Cheeseborough escaped and was at large for one day before police apprehended him. He was then charged with escape, breaking and entering and unlawfully driving a vehicle, which added five years to his sentence. He was paroled on Dec. 19,

Michigan law permits residents to use deadly force to defend themselves. Prosecuting attorneys will make a decision about whether to charge the homeowner this week. Assistant prosecutor Maria Miller did not immediately return phone calls seeking com-

Lawsuits - City not concerned

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Michigan Downs' immediate competitors would be the three Detroit casinos - Motor City Casino, Greektown Casino and MGM Grand-Detroit - as well as Northville Downs and the Hazel Park Race Track in Hazel Park. Hazel Park reported substantial losses after the three casinos opened five years ago.

Mayor Alan Lambert said that the he does not think the lawsuits will derail the project, which is slated to break ground this year.

affect us at all," he said. "I don't and residential subdivisions.

think they're going to get much time in court. Anybody that has \$12 can file a lawsuit. The gaming commissioner has told me she doesn't think there will be any problems, either. They have the right to do that."

White - who was appointed gaming commissioner after Bob Geake vacated the post in December - did not return phone calls seeking comment Tuesday.

Michigan Downs is a \$100 million development that Romulus officials hope will support and spur new development of retail "I don't think this is going to outlets, entertainment venues

Merriman - More projects needed

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stretch of Merriman between Ecorse Road and I-94. The new program will cost about \$1.13 million. Grant funds from the Michigan Department of Transportation and Romulus Tax Increment Authority will pay for the initial phases, and a special assessment district will be set up to pay for the work in subsequent years.

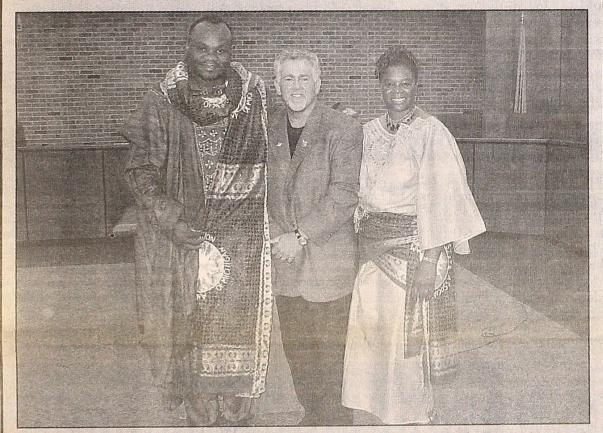
Merriman Road is home to several businesses that serve the community, but there is also a large amount of green space available for development, said

Lambert. But encouraging business to develop in the area has been a difficult task.

"Cleaning it up and making it more presentable will help us get the sorts of things we want, like sit down-restaurants," he said.

"We want places like Applebee's, Max and Erma's nice restaurants - to come here."

The special assessment district can be implemented for up to 10 years, according to state law. In the district, taxes would be collected only from businesses in the district, and diverted back into the economic improvement of that area.



Wedding vows

Love was in the air at city hall last week when Mayor Alan Lambert performed a marriage service for residents Chukwudi Francis Okaro and Regina Worthy. The pair - who chose to wear traditional garb from Nigeria, from where Okaro emigrated - took vows in front of a handful of family members, friends, and interested city employees in the meeting room at city hall

Well plan approved by council

Molly Tippen Staff Writer

Romulus City Council members approved a special land use permit that would give Sunoco Partners the opportunity to construct a new brine disposal well.

Brine, a non-toxic substance used to move other chemicals, would be stored in a deep-injection well located on an existing industrial site on the west side of Inkster Road, south of Ecorse Road. According to the plan, the non-hazardous material would be pumped into other wells through flow lines that run from

the new well. A new pump building would be located above ground near the well.

No landscaping will be provided in the area of the well because the city and the applicant agreed it would interfere with proper maintenance of the site going forward. However, at an earlier planning commission meeting, it was decided that the some tree plantings will take place between the well site and I-94.

Ed Mijany, who applied for the special land use permit for Sunoco Partners, said the well and building will be nearly invisible to passersby.

"There will be some visibility in some areas," he said. "But most it will be hidden."

However, a new underground storage well brings with it a host of costs to the city - including manpower spent inspecting the well on a regular basis and ensuring the operators are complying with environmental standards. To cover some of the city costs, they will enter into a fee agreement with Sunoco.

Council members voted unanimously to grant the permit. Construction of the well will begin later this year.

Election - Deadline next week for submitting petitions

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candidates had turned their petitions in to the clerk's office for verification.

Choate said it's always a good idea to get more than 100 signatures. "I always tell people that because sometimes we can't verify them all," she said. "It's better to be safe."

Fifteen candidates must submit viable petitions for a council seat to trigger a September primary election, Choate said.

The primary election is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 13. The general election will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Romulus residents can pick up petitions at the clerk's office in the basement of city hall. They can also can register to vote at the city clerk's office from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. City hall is located at 11111 Wayne Road, near Goddard Road.

Rotary Club presents scholarships to area students

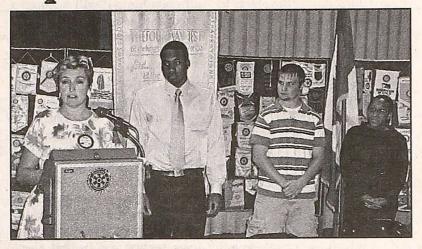
Staff Writer

Recently, the Belleville Rotary Club awarded \$15,000 in scholarships to students in the area. This year, 10 students from Belleville High School and first year college students received \$1,500 each.

According to Ray Eissinger, community service director for the club, the Belleville Rotary awards scholarships every year.

"Rotary does this because it's one of the many ways we feel we can help the community," he said. "We believe in education and we try to support it."

This year marks the 60th year that the Belleville service club has awarded scholarships to local students. Since giving their first \$50 scholarship 60 years ago, the Rotary Club, with the help of Charles B. Cozadd Foundation and individual fundraisers, has given nearly \$300,000 to more than 250 stu-



Debra Juchartz, left, scholarship committee chair, announces the renewal scholarships to Brandon Balogan, Brent Elgas and Rukiya Wideman.

dents, Eissinger said.

"We look for people who have good citizenship and are active in the community, not just people with a high grade point average. These are good, involved and service-minded people," he said.

The seven high school scholars are Davna Brooks, Alisha

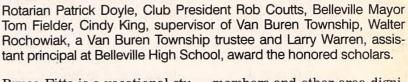
Clark, Bruce Fitts, Tiffany Jones, Holly Mayfield, Kristian Paich and Jessica Wells. The three renewal scholars are Brandon Balogan, Brent Elgas and Rukiya Wideman.

"We also like to include students in our scholarship program who want to go into a trade. Rotarian Patrick Doyle, Club President Rob Coutts, Belleville Mayor

Bruce Fitts is a vocational student in the high school and will be entering into the welding program at Washtenaw Community College," said Eissinger.

At the ceremony, recipients were joined by their parents, relatives, Van Buren School Board

members and other area dignitaries including: State Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton), Belleville Mayor Tom Fielder, Cindy King, supervisor of Van Buren Township and Larry Warren, Belleville High School assistant



Van Buren Township to begin area park improvements

Andrea King Staff Writer

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees approved an action plan last week that will spark work on several park improvements, including: a senior activity garden, renovation on the Riggs Heritage Park House and enhancements to Van Buren Park.

Since last April, the parks and recreation department has been busy putting together ideas for the use of a \$2 million grant they were awarded from Wayne County. The funding comes from a .5 mill recreation tax approved by the voters.

The recreation committee and the community have maintained an interest in improving the resources the township already has before taking on new endeavors. All the projects proposed are supported by the recreation master plan. This action plan serves as a template of the township's intentions, according to Vince Averill, deputy director of recreation and facilities.

After collecting data and opinions at a number of vision sessions, considering the needs of the township, as well as what is feasible related to the rules for spending the funds, the recreation committee decided their first project will be a new activity garden for the seniors.

"We are quite pleased and, thanks to

Wayne County, we're able to pull off these projects," said Bruce Ross, director of recreation and facilities. "It's wonderful because for years we've been talking about finishing what we've started. The catch was before that we didn't have the funds. Now, we do, and our intentions are to finish."

The senior activity garden will take about \$220,000 from the millage funds. The garden is located at Quark Park and will include shaded seating areas, walking tracks, flower plantings and a shuffleboard

The garden will be completed in time for the first annual Western Wayne Senior Olympics on Sept. 12 hosted by Van Buren Township, according to Ross.

"The seniors certainly are excited about the shuffleboard competition, so I look forward to having many of our seniors enter,"

Ross said next he would like to start work on Van Buren Park. Improvements there include moving the entrance forward for greater visibility and better security for employees and patrons. It would also help generate more revenue year round. This project will cost about \$350,000.

Other improvements at the park include an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible beach area and restrooms. Combined those projects will cost about \$656,250.

"For years people have always asked us

what we were going to do about bathrooms at both Van Buren and French Landing parks," said Ross. "We've also applied for a grant through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and we hope to hear back from them soon."

The Riggs Heritage Park improvements will include the renovation of the historic Riggs home, located at 43275 E. Huron River Dr. The 30 acres surrounding it will become a Van Buren Township park. The first phase of the project will cost about \$765,000.

"We'll continue to get the projects to the point where they are approved and on the go, because each individual project will still have to go back to the board for approval," said Averill. "Now, we want to let Wayne County know were trying to spend the money in a timely matter because there certainly was other communities who wanted to get those grant funds."

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We admit to a bit of skepticism when the Clock Tower Plaza project was proposed in the City of Wayne.

It seemed like a pretty expensive project for such a small piece of land - a 40-foot equilateral triangle on the prominent corner of Wayne Road and Michigan Avenue.

But then it began to take shape as workers braved the cold throughout the winter months. Last week, contractors installed the clock, a regal ornament on a busy corner in the city.

The skepticism has long since vanished; the clock - and the plaza, itself - is a testament to the growing revitalization effort in Wayne. And it's not even done yet. Soon there will be additional shrubs, other plantings and benches to accentuate the project. Coupled with the condominium complex constructed to the north and the one planned just behind it, it will provide a drastic improvement to the city, as a

It's hard to say why clocks such as the one just installed there tug at the heart strings, but they seem to speak to small town America. This one was modeled after those in Northville and Plymouth – where the town symbol was recently struck down by an errant driver - and those municipalities typify the Rockwellian small town.

Kudos should be given to the Wayne Planning Department for realizing the potential in this otherwise excess scrap of land, but they aren't the biggest heroes of this worthy project. That distinction should go to the Wayne Garden Club, who donated \$15,000 for the project and for Beverly Woodard and Claudia Rediske, who spearheaded the movement. Of course, the project would not have been possible without the donation from the late Mildred Lyman, a long-time Dearborn School teacher and Wayne resident.

We look forward to the inevitable completion of the project as it will provide another jewel for downtown Wayne. May it glimmer for

These are real 'Friends'

If the Friends of the Penn fundraiser group are ultimately unsuccessful in their attempts to save the historical theater as a landmark and entertainment venue, it certainly won't be from a lack of effort.

This is among the most organized and effective fund-raising groups we've ever come across.

Although they only formed relatively recently, they've developed subcommittees to handle a number of different aspects of the effort, each with its own chair. They've got plenty of fundraising ideas, too: from t-shirts, hats and cups to general donations.

They've been vocal, and they've been visible at events like the Taste of Plymouth, the Friday Night Concerts and more and they're even working on a float for the annual Good Morning USA parade on July Fourth. With all the regional attention that event garners, they will most likely receive offers of help from people who live outside the community, as well. And, if they are successful with their parade entry, the cheers as they meander down Main Street will most likely

That's because the Penn Theater is such an important part of downtown Plymouth. It deserves to be more than a simple message board – which is what it has been since it closed last year – or an empty shell awaiting the next viable tenant.

Small theaters like the Penn are an important part of any community in which they exist. Officials in the City of Wayne realized that more than 13 years ago when they purchased the State Wayne Theater to keep it open.

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When he's right, he's right

This is the column I never thought I would write. I agree with State Rep. John Stewart.

One of our reporters called him last week to talk about an upcoming school funding rally in Lansing as well as a couple of pieces of pending legislation, House Bill (HB) 4582 and Senate Bill (SB) 246, which call for more aid for schools and a mandated increase in funding every year. Stewart, who some school officials have called their best friend on the Republican side of the aisle, had this to say:

"A mandatory increase each year is not realistic at all. I don't see that happening at all, especially with the state being in a budget crisis."

It would have been a lot easier to say something else, something politically correct. It would have been easier to simply say he supported more funding for schools and carry on the cry of interested parents and angry school officials across the state.

Easier, but not necessarily practical.

School funding is an issue that continually comes up. Nearly everyone agrees that there should be more of it; that our children are the most important thing to consider when planning the budget. As a parent, I even find it hard to argue with that. Who can say no to kids or education?

Where that mandated increase in funding would come from, however, is a completely different matter. Take a look around; things aren't going so good. How can anybody guarantee increased funding every year, when there's no guarantee there will be more money every year?

I do sympathize with our local school folks. I think, virtually across the board, they've done a good job planning their finances, preparing our kids, developing their curriculum and for that, they have taken it on the chin. They have



Close

angry parents. It ain't easy. Even so, I have to tip my hat to Mr. Stewart for talking practically, not emotionally.

a month and have to rationalize what they do with

A similar case came up last week in the City of Wayne, when Councilwoman Donna McEachern questioned a proposed increase in funding for the Wayne Public Library. I say similar, but not exactly the same; obviously I get along better with McEachern and anyone that knows her knows she's a much more rational person.

They also know how dedicated she is to the library, how important she believes it is for the community and what a strong advocate she's been throughout the years.

So it took a lot of guts, then, to publicly question some of the proposals on the table, notably changing a part-time person into a full-time person. A full time person would get benefits, and everyone knows about the skyrocketing costs of those. This is at a time when the city is still dealing with a tight budget and when city officials would have to dip into the library fund balance to make those proposals happen.

There's no guarantee that things will be better

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Hey – it's more like Ford Parking Lot

about it suggested anything park-like. There aren't that many trees. There aren't many jungle gyms, ponds, ball fields or even much grass, either.

Yet the Canton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) wants you to think of all these pleasant things when driving down Ford Road, though what you're more likely to see are brake lights and oceans of asphalt. You'll smell exhaust fumes instead of flowers. And what you're most likely thinking isn't printable in a newspaper.

The DDA is pondering 'nicknaming' the township's main thoroughfare Ford Parkway to better promote its image. It's part of a branding effort the DDA has taken so seriously they've even hired consultants Hamilton-Anderson.

How about Ford Raceway? Or Ford Parking

The DDA is right, though. Ford Road does have a bad reputation. The first thing non-residents say to me when I tell them I cover Canton doesn't have anything to do with the IKEA coming or how great the community is. It usually goes something like, "Boy, that traffic on Ford Road is horrible."

If they do mention the IKEA, it's usually some-

be unbearable once they finish

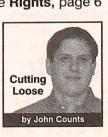
This, of course, is a blessing and a curse. No traffic means

no one is buying anything. But too much traffic infuriates and may eventually keep people away.

On a typical day, throngs of cars, mini-vans and SUVs choke the road beginning somewhere around I-275 to roughly Canton Center Road. IKEA coming is going to make it worse, no matter how much their spokespeople and public officials say otherwise. But should the DDA spend money on branding projects like this?

Now, there are areas that have legitimate appellations, such as the Magnificent Mile in Chicago. The stretch of Michigan Avenue attracts thousands of tourists each summer, and to them, it really is magnificent. I don't think you could find anyone who would stick their head out of a car window on Ford Road and think, "Ah, refreshing, like I'm in a park."

Ultimately, the branding project is well-meant, but the money might be better spent turning Ford Road into a parkway rather than just calling it one.





Top of the class

Last week, the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club awarded \$1,000 scholarships to five local high school students with exceptional grade point averages. The five chosen scholars were Megan Deems, Suellen Moli Yin, Adrian Valentin Muresan, Penn Chou and Yiding Cai. Each of the students had a grade point average exceeding a perfect 4.0 during their high school careers. The awards were presented by Rotary Club member Habib Zuberi, shown here with the students.

Letters

Fillibuster rules supported

To the editor:

Results of recent polls show the popularity of President Bush at an all time low. Yet, the push for his policies and nominations is escalating.

Doesn't his disapproval rating tell our representatives in Washington anything? Apparently mainstream America believes the courts should do what they were designed to do, i.e. Terri Schiavo. Bush and Congress should stay in their own yards.

This is exactly why judges appointed to the bench for life need to be non-partisan, fair, open minded, middle of the road people of character. Appointments to the bench should not be party favors or favorites; they should be approved by a true majority in Congress, so as to represent the common good. The rich and powerful have enough influence, they don't need control of our courts as well.

Over 95 percent of the judges President Bush nominated were approved, demonstrating how untrue accusations by the ultra-conservatives are that the liberals aren't playing fair, because they will not approve 5 percent of the judges originally nominated. Even if Bush really did have a mandate, does this mean he should get 100 percent of all his appointments and policies? This sounds more like dictatorship than democracy.

Now the "ultra" group of Congress

wants to change the rules because they didn't get it 100 percent their way. They propose to change the checks and balance system which has operated our government for more than 200 years.

I urge all Americans, before we lose any more of our rights, to tell congress to protect the filibuster.

Allow the Senate to debate controversial issues. How else can democracy work?

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Carolyn Maxwell, Plymouth

Residents support millage

To the editor:

We understand that at the last Plymouth Township election concerning the extension of millage for the police and fire departments, the millage was turned down.

It will come up for vote again on Aug. 2, 2005. Hopefully it will be passed this time.

It is of great concern to us as residents of the township. If the funds for the departments are cut, it would, no doubt, result in a cut of manpower and protection needed for the safety of all residents.

Therefore, we would like to urge all eligible voters to come out and support this issue

Jay S. Richards Gloria Richardson, Plymouth

Right

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next year; there's no guarantee that state shared revenue won't be cut again. There's no guarantee that the city could continue to fund the additional library hours and pay for the additional staffing.

It was clearly a few tough moments for her, as anyone that watches the tape can attest. She still voted her conscience (a nay vote) when it would have been easier to go the other way. And it's not even an election year. OK, it is, but she and the other council members are running unopposed.

That, at least, had a happy outcome. The funding was approved, but that wasn't necessarily the best part. That happened out in the hall after the meeting, when Library Director Lois VanStipdonk approached McEachern, gave her a reassuring hug and said:

"See you tomorrow."

Friends

FROM PAGE 5

It's a difficult market, though, a difficult economy to make them viable. The previous owners of the theater would most likely agree to that: they tried many different approaches there to turn a profit, from stand up comedy to returning to first run movies and providing a place for chil-

dren's activities during the day.

If it ever becomes a viable entertainment venue again – and an anchor for an increasingly busy small town – it will take some creative planning and, probably, a combination of several different types of planned events.

It's hard not to be confident, though, with groups like the Friends of the Penn behind the effort. They are determined, they are organized. We hope they will be successful, too.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD MAY 23, 2005 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, **ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear. Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, William Wadsworth.

Excused: Debbie Romak.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambert, Mayor

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

Pamela Morrison-Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Miller to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-182

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to approve the minutes of the regular meeting the Romulus City Council held May 9, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Navs - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. None.

05-183

4A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution congratulating Herman Johnson, on his retirement from the City of Romulus after 31 years of dedicated service.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Aves - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to accept the Chairman's report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Navs - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-184

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to award Bid 04/05-30 Demolition List 04-02 to the lowest overall bidder, Van Assche Construction, in the amount of \$18,000.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-185

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to extend Bid 00/01-42 Fourth of July Fireworks Display with Colonial Fireworks for the 2005 and 2006 Fireworks Display at a cost of \$10,000.00 for each display.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

SC. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator Lynn Conway and D.P.W. Director, Carl Brooks to reject Bid 04/05-31

Tree Replacement Program, due to no bidders, and grant authorization to purchase trees from Shemin Nurseries at a cost range from \$91.00 and \$145.00 per tree depending on species.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-187

5D. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to concur with the administration and grant authorization to contract with Highway Maintenance & Construction for the necessary crack seal repair project on Goddard Road from Five Points to Wayne Road, with the assistance of the D.P.W., for a total cost of \$9,250.00.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-188

5E. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the administration and adopt a resolution rescinding City of Romulus existing Romulus Ordinance Chapter 30, Article II, "Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control", and Article III, "Land Grading and Filling', Section 30.16 through 30.41.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Navs - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-189

6A1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation of the Property Disposition Committee and award Bid 04/05-028, Sale of excess City owned property as follows:

1) 80 007 010934 000 William Pritula \$15,000.00 - award

- 2) 80 020 02 0015 000 Offers denied
- 3) 80 020 02 0017 000 Offers denied
- 4) 80 020 03 0010 000 Offer denied
- 5) 80 020 03 0014 000 Offer denied
- 6) 80 020 03 0017 000 /Christopher Ferrebee \$100.00, deny but allow Property

Disposition Committee to enter into negotiations with this adjacent property owner.

7) 80 020 03 0020 000 Offer denied

8) 80 020 99 0018 000 Ecorse Road Development LLC - \$10,200.00 - award 9) 80 020 99 0019 701 Ecorse Road Development LLC -\$10,200.40 - award

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth.

Abstain - Miller. Motion Carried.

05-190

6A2A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to concur with recommendation of the Construction Board of Appeals in accordance with Chapter 5 of the Romulus Code of Ordinances, to proceed with the demolition of the structures and removal of all debris at the following locations as discussed at the Public Hering held May 23,

35835 Beverly Single Family Residence

Single Family Residence, Garage, Two Ag. Buildings 31007 Ecorse*

31017 Ecorse* Single Family Residence, Garage

Single Family Residence 31281 Ecorse* Single Family Residence 31303 Ecorse* Single Family Residence 37721 Ecorse 8510 Farnum Single Family Residence Single Family Residence, Garage 36774 Grant

37545 Van Born Commercial Structure, Wood Guard Shack, Lg. Storage Boxes, Three Additional Structures

39357 Wade Single Family Residence, Garage

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A2B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to let bids for the demolition of structures and site clearance on Demolition List 05-01.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-192

6A3A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to rescind resolution 05-179, a resolution to accept Smith and Vining Roads from Merriman Road to Wick Road into the Romulus Street System as Major Public Streets, adopted by Romulus City Council on May 9, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A3B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to accept Smith Road from Merriman Road to Vining Road, into the Romulus Street System as a major public street for Act 51 purposes. Complete resolution on file in clerks office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-194

6A3C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to accept Vining Road from Smith Road to Wick Road, into the Romulus Street System as a major public street for Act 51 purposes. Complete resolution on file in clerks office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays-None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-195

7. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to adopt a resolution congratulating Barth Elementary School on receiving the State of Michigan Blue Ribbon Award.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-196

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to approve Warrant 05-10, authorizing the City Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds in the amount of Seven Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand, Six Hundred Fifty Five Dollars and Twenty-Nine (\$729,655.29).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, and Wadsworth.

Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Aves - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held May 23, 2005.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

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New medical procedure aids local woman

Molly Tippen Staff Writer

Susan Selvia has been denied some of the simple things others take for granted.

Selvia - who suffers from epilepsy - can't work at a regular job, baby sit her grandchildren, or drive, among other everyday activities.

"I've dealt with this disease for so long - and the seizures were so frequent, it was difficult to do some things," said the 46vear-old Romulus resident. "And I've been to so many doctors, looking for cures and treatments."

The search for relief from epilepsy - a neurological condition that leaves sufferers susceptible to seizures caused by electrical disturbances in the brain was a frustrating experience for her until 2003, when a "pulse stimulator" used in VNS (Vague Nerve Stimulation) therapy was implanted in her chest, near her collarbone.

"I had tried so many things before, like medications, that we always thought would work," Selvia said. "And I was skeptical because I had heard that this would be the fix before. But this has really worked well."

According to the informational site www.vnstherpay.com, VNS therapy controls seizures when the patient gently rubs a magnet over the pulse stimulator. Once the magnet is moved, extra stimulation is delivered to the central nervous system. This drastically reduces the number of seizures a patient will experience in a day and stops some seizures.

When Selvia had the pulse stimulator implanted - in May 2003 - she was having up to seven seizures a day.

"It's something that's very difficult to live with," she said. "But so far, (the VNS therapy) is the best thing they've come up with."

Selvia admits that she refused to get her hopes up before she underwent the operation at St. Joseph's Hospital-East in Mount Clemens.

"I was willing to try anything, but I just didn't want to be disappointed again," she said. But since the surgery, she said she only has about one or two seizures a week.

"It's given me a new lease on life," she said.

Dr. Yasser Awaad, a Dearborn Heights surgeon who works with epilepsy patients, said the procedure represented a breakthrough for physicians looking for new ways to treat the condition.

"Before this, we had some drugs that produced results for some people, but we didn't really have a comprehensive treatment," he said. "This is something that works for a majority of patients with epilepsy and other diseases that produce life-threatening seizures."

Epilepsy is surprisingly common. Statistics released by the



Susan Selvia - shown here in her Romulus home - speaks to groups of epilepsy suffers about Vague Nerve Stimulation therapy, a procedure that vastly curtailed the number of seizures she experiences.

National Epilepsy Foundation indicate that 2.5 million people suffer from the condition, with 181,000 additional people newly diagnosed each year. Epilepsy can strike at any time in a person's life, but most cases are diagnosed during childhood or old

Selvia was diagnosed in her a doctor to monitor her progress,

20s, while she was raising children and trying to go back to work.

and will need medical attention "I had a job as a cashier once, for the rest of her life. but it just didn't work out because my seizures would interrupt my work day," she said. "I can't blame the managers for

someone to work." Selvia now enjoys a relatively seizure-free life, but she still sees

being concerned; they needed

For now, though, she enjoys spending time with her 12 grandchildren and husband, Clifford.

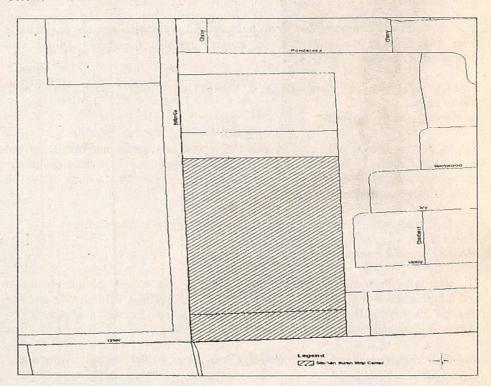
"The best part is being able to care for my grandchildren without worrying about a seizure," she said. "It's given me my life

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION **PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on Wednesday June 22, 2005 to consider a zoning change on the following described

The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:

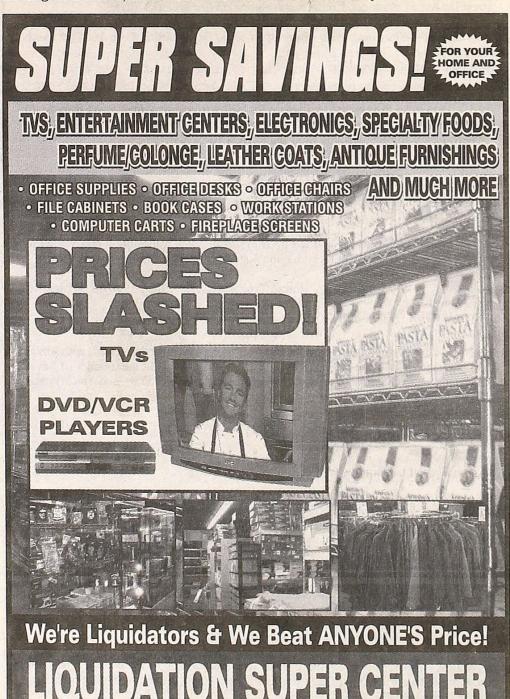
Parcel number V125-83-039-99-0009-715 and V125-83-039-99-0009-716 approximately 11.08 acres is located on the east side of Belleville Road on the NE Corner of Belleville & Tyler Road. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included



The applicant is requesting special use approval. A special use approval is required for drive thru facilities in accordance with Section 12.03(d) of the Zoning Ordinance, Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00p.m., June 22, 2005, the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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Expect to see 'Cinderella Man' at Academy Awards

When America needed a hero the most, they got James J. Braddock. When summer needed a star-studded hit the most they, got Cinderella Man.

Conveniently, Cinderella Man is Braddock's story.

He was an up-and-coming prizefighter in the late 1920s early 1930s who rose from the ashes of an economically burned out nation and become one of the most inspiring sports legends in history.

If there's any movie this year that is deserving of an Oscar nomination for Best Picture, it's this one.

And who better than to assemble an earnest attempt to bring this hero's story to the big screen than director Ron "Opie" Howard, who's no stranger to the Academy Award arena. The movie doesn't solely rest upon his shoulders, though. He has help along the way with Academy Award-wining producer Brian Grazer. And to top it off, Howard cast Oscar winners Russell Crowe and Renee Zelleweger along with Golden Globe nominee Paul Giamatti to carry the brunt of the load.

And, boy, does it work.

The cast and crew come

together in unison to tell the story, originally written by Cliff Hollingsworth who also scripted the film with help from Akiva Goldsman, of a man who wasn't known for being a great boxer but for a great man who boxed.

Let's be honest here. There isn't anything overly fantastic about the film. Sure, the direction is great and the actors truly capture the essence of the characters but the truly wonderful thing about the bi-op is the story itself, and we have Braddock to thank for that.

This movie is about more than just boxing and a dark era of American history. This movie is about second chances.

When we first see Braddock (Crowe) he is a rising star making a more-than-modest living as a boxer from New Jersey until one day the markets crashed, dreams crumbled and the Great Depression sacked the nation into a spiraling economic down-

Like most Americans at the time who had their money stashed away in banks and stocks, Braddock was suddenly left with only promises of imminent poverty. During this time his career dwindled, fights for an aging has-been were hard to come by and a broken hand landed him outside the ring for good. Shifts at the docks were getting cut and income became harder and harder to find. With his wife, Mae (Zelleweger), and three kids at home with a stack of 'past due' bills piling up, Braddock is forced to go on public relief and is even sent begging to former colleagues for money to have the electricity turned back in the dead of a Jersey winter.

Then, he gets his second chance due to the efforts of his

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THE SCENE——Cinderella Man

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manager Joe Gould (Giamatti). Gould gets Braddock a last minute, one-fight only shot to box at Madison Square Garden—a chance to earn money and put food on his family's table.

Against Mae's wishes, no food in his belly and no training, he steps back into the ring to take on the No. 2 heavyweight contender. Much to the surprise of the crowd and media, Braddock wins the fight. The fights keep coming and Braddock is able to dig his family out of debt. And blow-by-blow he becomes the inspiration to millions of economically challenged Americans, giving them hope that their second chances are right around the corner. He becomes so popular with the downtrodden populace he earns a folklore-like status and even returns the welfare money that he so desperately needed at one time.

And finally he gets a chance of a lifetime when he accepts to face off against the world heavyweight champion Max Baer (Craig Bierko), an arrogant fighter with a lethal punch that has killed two fighters in the ring.

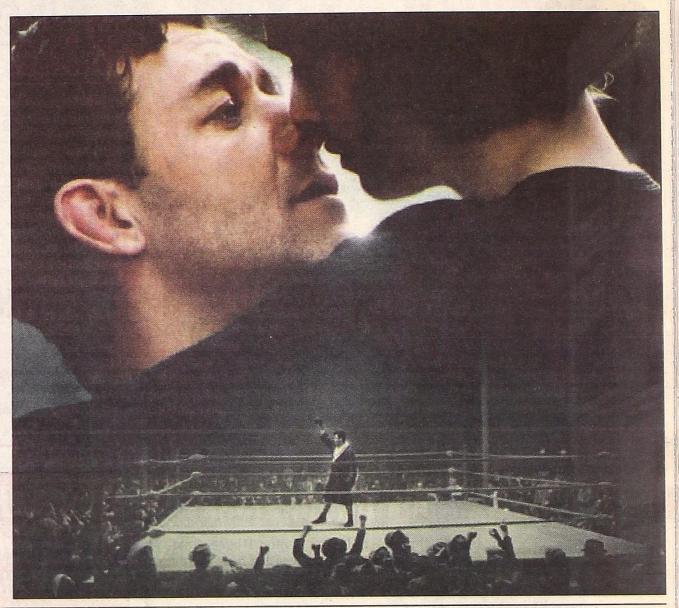
Some doubted Braddock would survive the fight at all, but he is fighting for something more than the world championship; he's fighting for his family and to give hope to the millions of families just like his.

"Is there any place else you'd rather be?"

That's what Gould asks Braddock prior to the start of his comeback fight at a packed Madison Square Garden arena.

Braddock's answer is, no—the same way audiences should answer before, during and after they see *Cinderella Man*.

The movie is about second chances. Braddock got one. America got one. But how many chances does Hollywood really deserve? *Cinderella Man* definitely gives hope for this summer's meager lineup, but the rest is up to the folks in Tinsel Town.



Smith

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up. It is a marriage, after all.

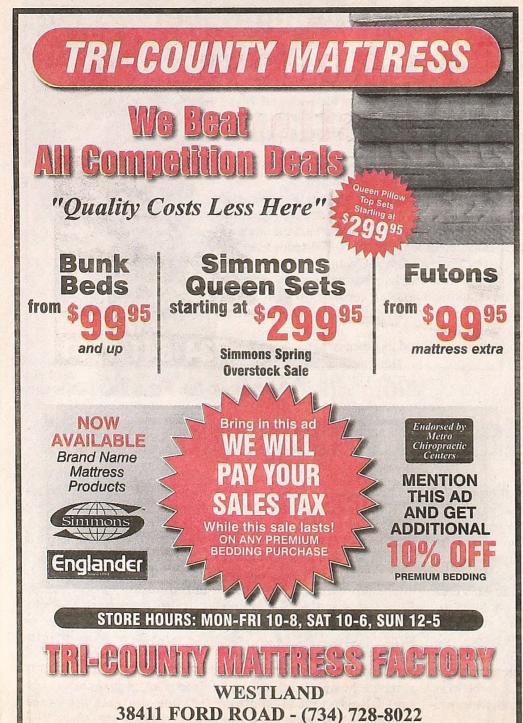
They are sent on the run as both companies are after them.

The chase forces them to commandeer their neighbors' minivan. Liman who amazed us with the car chase in *The Bourne Identity*, finds creative uses for the dual-side sliding doors of this vehicle. And the final gunfight—actually a very seductive dance

with weaponry—lands them back in the counseling chair at the end, with a promising ending for the movie and new beginning for their marriage. 'Til death do we part? Not this time.

Although the acting is good, the action is exciting and Pitt and Jolie sizzle, the one thing that shouldn't be overlooked is the witty dialogue. As cheesy as it may seem at times, it is actually very amusing.

So, for all of those critics sitting in the darkness of their private screening rooms—stand in line and buy a ticket with everyone else once in a while so you can accurately decide what viewers will and will not like. As you would have noticed *Mr. and Mrs. Smith* is quite the union of film and audience. Hollywood should actually celebrate this one.



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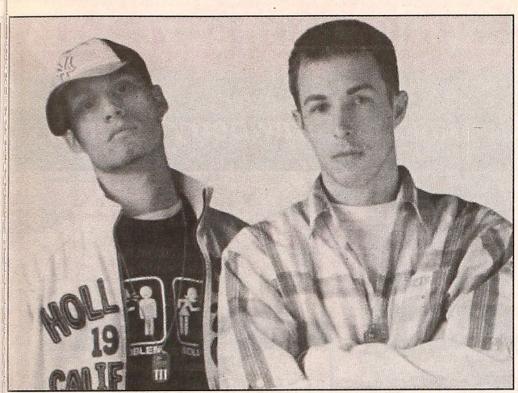
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THE SCENE



Mario Villanueva, left, and Matthew Travarthern have their own rap act dubbed VeRb. They have performed throughout the area and at the Canton Relay for Life.

Rap on Local teens pursue hip hop fame

John Counts Staff Writer

Forget Compton, the next big hip-hop phenomenon might just be coming straight out of Canton.

The township may seem an unlikely breeding ground for rappers, but that hasn't stopped VeRb from making the music they love.

The duo, consisting of Mario Villanueva (TexT) and Matthew Trevarthen (X-It), have performed since the 1990s all over the Detroit metropolitan area. They have also just finished as an opening act for local hiphop hero, Paradime and have performed at the Canton Relay For Life two years in a row.

VeRb began when Villanueva, 20, and Trevarthen, 21, began riding the same bus as sixth graders at Lowell Middle School. Trevarthen said it was at this point Villanueva introduced him to hip-hop music. They weren't content just being fans, though.

"We started rapping back and forth on the bus," Trevarthen said.

In the eighth grade, the two entered a talent show where they performed "Woof, Woof" by the 69 Boyz. They said they received a rousing reception.

"We had the crowd going. It was great," Villanueva said. "We felt the high from the crowd, so we just kept doing it."

They began writing their own lyrics and rapped them over other groups' beats. It wasn't long before they were setting up their own studio and producing their own music, though.

In 2003, Villanueva and Trevarthen Trevarthen said.

graduated from Canton High School. During their senior year, they had taken the name VeRb, recorded a demo and sold it to fellow students at their school, as well as other area schools.

Now, by night, the two may perform at places like the Bullfrog Tavern in Redford or the Shelter, but by day, they are both mild-mannered employees at Boston Market in Canton.

They said they know that the road to fame and fortune is an uphill climb.

"We don't expect overnight success," Villanueva said.

VeRb said they are influenced by a lot of different artists, not necessarily in the hiphop genre. They grew up listening to oldies like Elton John, Bob Marley and Stevie Ray Vaughn. They do admit a fondness for Eminem and Busta Rhymes, though. Their influences come not always from pop culture, either.

"It's us feeding off of each other, not anyone else. I'm influenced by this guy right here and what we go through," Villanueva said

The lyrics in their songs are varied. They said that one song will be about happiness, and the next is about wanting to kill yourself

They admit Canton isn't exactly a hotbed of hip-hop culture and know it's a tad bit harder being taken seriously as a couple of white boys from the 'burbs in a musical form that is traditionally black and urban.

They are undaunted, though.

"If you have the skill and show everyone respect, it doesn't matter what color your skin is, or what your background is," Trevarthen said.

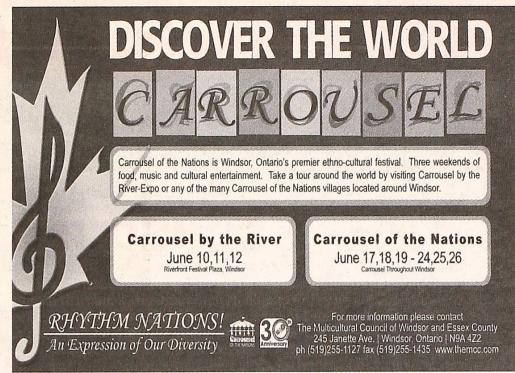
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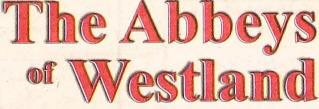
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Sunday, June 19th

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3:00p.m. Team Extreme BMX Stunt Show

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SPORTS

Belleville ousts Canton from state softball tourney

Jeff Novak Staff Writer

The Bellville Lady Tigers pulled out an upset against the Canton Chiefs, considered to be the best softball team in the state this year, in a Division 1 regional championship game last Saturday in Saline.

"They were the team to beat," said Belleville Coach Peg Curtis. "There was no pressure on us. In districts we played tight because we were the better team. But against Canton they had all the pressure and we were able to play loose."

It looked like the favored Chiefs were going to pull it out when they went up 2-0 in the first inning. After silent second and third frames, the Tigers strung together some hits and knotted things up, 2-2, at the top of the fourth.

Belleville put together another solid inning in the fifth when they drove home four more runs for a commanding 6-2 lead.

Curtis admitted that you should never count on Canton being out, though. Sure enough, the Chiefs pulled together at the bottom of the seventh. They served up a one-out single. Then Belleville got a second out. But then

Canton's freshman hurler Hillary Payne nailed a double to drive in a run to make it a 6-3 game.

With Payne on second with two outs, Canton's next batter popped the ball toward center field. It looked like it was going to be a hit but ended up being the final out. Belleville senior Cindy McGoldrick made a diving catch to end the game, according to Curtis.

"It was a very big win against a very good team," Curtis said. "It was just our day."

Senior lead-off batter Danell Dotson hit two singles and scored two runs; number-two hitter junior Tiffany Jablonski scored two times. At the number three spot, Michelle Davenport nailed a single in the fifth that scored two runs. She also scored one run in the game. Senior Tammy Mida also hit a single that scored a run.

"(Belleville) played the best they played us this year," said Canton Coach Jim Arnold. "We played them earlier in the year and beat them, but they rose to the occasion."

Belleville moved on to play Portage Northern in Chelsea on Tuesday but the results were unavailable at press time.

Canton finished their impressive season with a 36-2 record.

Along the way, the team set 11 new school records this season: they had the highest team batting average (.352), fewest errors, most wins (36), most hits (349), most doubles (38), most triples (24), most runs scored (246), fewest runs allowed (24), highest on-base percentage, and most wins in a row (30).

In their first contest Saturday, they faced a tough Southgate Anderson team. It was a contest that took 11 innings to decide the winner.

It was a 0-0 tie at the top of the 11th when Southgate scored the first run of the game. But Canton still had three outs to have a chance at the win and they made all of them count. There were two outs and the bases were loaded when sophomore Lauren Delapaz ripped a shot to the fence to score the tying and winning runs for Canton.

Unfortunately, the 11-inning marathon in the heat tired the team for Belleville.

Despite the early exit from the tournament, Arnold said he wasn't disappointed with the team's effort.

"How can a coach be upset with a 36-2 record?" he said. "They're an exceptional group of talented girls with outstanding senior leadership."

Best of the best

Western Lakes All-Conference, All-Division girls' soccer teams decided

Jeff Novak Staff Writer

The votes are in and the ballots counted for the 2004-05 Western Lakes Activity Association (WLAA) All-Conference and All-Division girls' soccer teams.

It was an exciting soccer season as any coach in high school sports would say: any team can beat any team on any given day. But that's what makes it so exciting.

The Northville Mustangs, after wrapping up the Western division (5-0), defeated the Salem Rocks for the conference championship. The Canton Chiefs were in hot pursuit behind the 'Stangs with a 4-1 Western division record. The Plymouth Wildcats placed fourth (2-3) in the same division. The Wayne Memorial Zebras and the John Glenn Rockets as well as the Walled Lake Western Warriors went winless in their respective divisions.

Plymouth High School, in their first tournament as a full-fledged varsity team, was ousted in the first round against Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

In the district tournament Northville moved by Western and the Livonia Stevenson Spartans in round two. But their attempt to repeat a state championship ended on a sour note when Novi defeated them in the district championship game.

In district No. 6 Canton made it by Ann Arbor Pioneer and Livonia Churchill, who beat Wayne, to land in the championship game. There they faced off against cross-campus rivals the Salem Rocks, who defeated Ann Arbor Huron and John Glenn to make it to the finale. Canton won the game in order to move on to the regional tournament.

Canton defeated Dearborn High School in the first round but fell to Novi in the regional championship last Friday.

So, with all that said and done, despite some meager records of some teams they still produced stars. John Glenn, who struggled again this year and didn't win a division game, had junior keeper Melissa Fredrick named to the All-Conference team and senior forward Megan Johnson was named to the Western-Lakes All-Division team. Jessica Williams, Jamie Allen and Melanie Stowkey were honorable mentions

Wayne was in the same boat record-wise but had Whitney Jacobs, Becky Sikora, Danielle Borg, Nichole Pierson and Jillian Rudy named as All-Division honorable mentions.

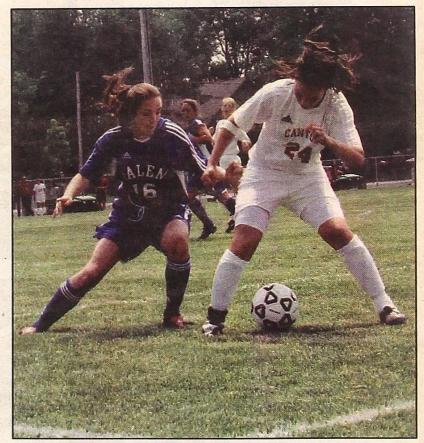
The rest of the spots went to the cream of the crop of some of the best teams in the state.

Western Lakes All-Conference Girls Soccer Team 2005:

Defenders: seniors Andrea Johnson (Canton), Kathryn Wheatley (Salem) and Andrea Muscat (Livonia Stevenson) and junior Renee Farrell (Livonia Franklin).

Mid-Fielders: seniors Jennifer Kritch (Northville), Amy Gizicki (Salem) and Katrin Omarsdottir (Livonia Churchill).

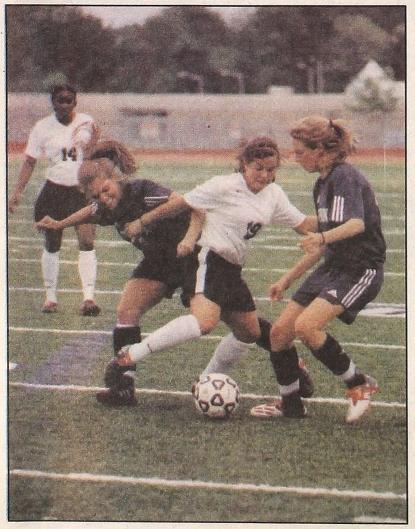
Forwards: senior Tammy



Salem senior All-Conference defender Kathryn Wheatley (16) battles against Canton's senior forward Lisa Ealy, who received an honorable mention nod.



Salem junior All-Division mid-fielder Kristen March (7) clashes with Canton's attacker Hannah Mills.



Northville junior All-Conference forward Lauren Hill (19) splits two Stevenson defenders.

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Whalers' Armstrong selected to Canada's national under-18 camp

Staff Writer

With his Ontario Hockey League rookie season behind him, Plymouth Whalers' center John Armstrong is set to gain a little more experience.

He was recently selected by Hockey Canada and the Canadian Hockey League to participate in Canada's National Under-18 Summer Team Selection and Development Camp. The camp will run from July 30 to Aug. 5 in Kitchener, Ontario.

Armstrong, born in 1988 and a native of Unionville, Ontario, is just one of 40 players that will participate in the camp.

"We're happy for John," said Mike Vellucci, Plymouth Whalers president, general manager and head coach. "He's worked very hard here in Plymouth. He deserves to play in this camp as one of the best 17-year-olds in

Armstong was selected by Plymouth in the first round (13th overall) last year in the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) Draft. He scored six goals with 13 assists for 19 points and 39 penalty minutes in 52 games for the Whalers. **Buzz** around Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township is that Armstrong is slated to become one of the main offensive weapons for Plymouth in the 2005-06 season.

At the conclusion of the development camp, 22 of the 40 players will be selected to Canada's National Under-18 Summer Team, which will participate in the Under-18 World Junior Cup in Breclay, Czech Republic and Piestany, Slovakia from August 9-

Plymouth celebrates 10 years at Compuware

Next fall, Whalers will celebrate their 10th anniversary at the Compuware Sports Arena. Fans will see the celebration start this season when the players sport a special patch on their jerseys to commemorate the achievement.

The Whaler organization is so planning on several other events to celebrate the team's arrival at Compuware in 1996.

"It's an exciting tome to be a part of the Whalers," Vellucci said. "Like anything new, it took a little time for everyone to get acquainted with the Whalers and the Ontario Hockey League. But the fans have responded in a big way. Year after year we continue to increase our attendance and, last year, we were at an all-time high. We appreciate everyone's support"

Last year Plymouth set a single-season attendance mark, averaging 3,300 fans per game with 12 sellouts.

After bouncing around to different arenas, including Cobo, 'The Joe', The Palace and Oak Park Compuware, the Whalers found a permanent home in the brand new Compuware Sports

Jeff Novak Arena at the start of the 1996-1997 season.

> Since then Plymouth has won five consecutive West Division titles (1998-2003); finished first overall in the OHL in 1998-99. 1999-00 and 2001-02; won western conference titles in 200 and 2001; in the Championship Series in 2000 and 2001; set a current Canadian Hockey League and OHL record in wining five consecutive Dave Pickney Trophies for the OHL's best team defense from 1998-03.

Plymouth Golf Outing set for August 30

Prior to the start of training camp the Whalers will enjoy a day of fun in the sun when they

host their eighth annual golf outing on Tuesday, August 30 at Northville Hills Golf Course.

The proceeds of the outing will go directly toward the Whalers' Player Education Fund. All golfers will receive 18 holes of golf with a power cart; a continental breakfast; banquet with buffet; special awards; corporate partner hole-in-one prize opportunities; and corporate sponsored special gifts.

Interested golfers or corporate partners can contact Rob Murphy, the Whalers' director of marketing and corporate sales or the Whalers' Educational Consultant Andy Madden at (734) 453-8400 for more information.



Plymouth Whalers' John Armstrong was selected to participate in Canada's National Under-18 Developmental Camp. If he is one of the 22 chosen he will have a chance to play in the Under-18 World Junior Cup in Breclay, Czech Republic and Piestany, Slovalia in August. Photo by Walt Dmoch courtesy of the Plymouth Whalers

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Catholic Central overcomes John Glenn in regional finals

Jeff Novak Staff Writer

After the John Glenn Rockets propelled to the district championship almost two weeks ago, it looked like it would be a storied Cinderella season for them. They did turn a sub .500 record into a district championship.

After flying by Garden City

and upsetting Livonia Franklin—who beat out the more heavily favored Wayne—for the district championship, a regional title didn't seem that far off. It's high school baseball. Anything can happen.

They hit a roadblock, though, when they faced the Redford Catholic Central Shamrocks in the first round of the regional I am very proud of the way we played and finished the season.

tournament last Saturday. Although the Rockets battled tooth and nail all the way, CC escaped with a 4-3 victory in the final inning.

Central scored in their first at bat to take a 1-0 lead. Both teams earned a run in the second frame but CC kept the lead, 2-1. Central maintained the lead, 3-2, after both teams scored again in the fifth round. Then Glenn knotted things up, 3-3, with a lone run in the sixth.

But, like all good games, it came to the final at bat in the seventh, when CC loaded up the bases with no outs. Glenn threw one runner out at the dish but runners remained at all points. Glenn walked in the winning run for CC. Game over.

Glenn's ace pitcher Dan Cover recorded the loss. He pitched 6.1 innings with three Ks and three errors. On offense, he went 2-for-3 with two singles.

Other hitters included Tim Bingham, who went 2-for-4 with two singles, and Chris Kangas, who nailed a single to drive in a

"I am very proud of the way we played and finished the season," said Glenn Coach Matt Howton. "These guys bought in to hard work and the meaning of team and turned their season around. I am especially happy for the seniors. They did a tremendous job as leaders of this team."

The Rockets finished the season with a 15-18 record. Catholic Central ended up with a 24-11 overall record.



John Glenn coach Matt Howton discusses options with his team in the final innings during their first round regional match up against Redford Catholic Central.



Glenn's ace pitcher Dan Cover hurled a good game against the Shamrocks but the Rockets fell, 4-3, last Saturday.

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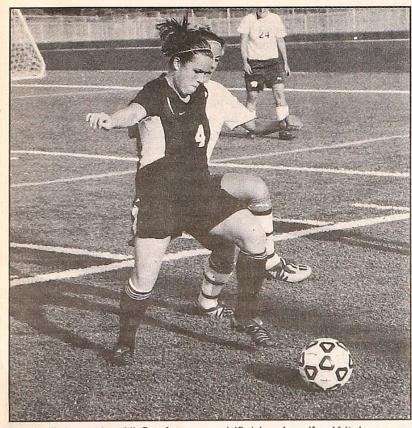
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Northville's senior All-Conference midfielder Jennifer Kritch moves the ball against Novi in the district championship game.



Plymouth sophomore goalkeeper Brittany Warner blocks a shot against Northville's Lauren Hill. Warner was given All-Division honors in the WLAA.

Stars

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Unsworth (Walled Lake Northern), juniors Lauren Hill (Northville) and Paige Taylor (Walled Lake Central) and sophomore Danielle Toney (Northville).

Keeper: junior Melissa Frederick (John Glenn).

Western-Lakes All-Division Team 2005:

Defenders: seniors Brooke Richard (Northville), Megan McCarthy (Salem), Wendy Hoots (Livonia Stevenson) and Jessica Cadwell (Livonia Franklin); Simone juniors Toney (Northville), Melanie Rederstorf Walled Lake Central, Melissa Rederstorf (Walled Lake Central) and Sara Fetter (Walled Lake Northern); and sophomores Kristen Slack (Northville) and

Kellie Green (Livonia Churchill).

Mid-Fielders: seniors Katie Raker (Canton), Lia Williamson (Livonia Stevenson), Michelle Allen (Livonia Churchill), Julia Zilan (Walled Lake Western), Kelly McDonald (Walled Lake Western) and Venita Shukla (Livonia Franklin); juniors Lindsay Blair (Northville), Kristin March (Salem); and sophomore Danielle Martinak (Walled Lake Central).

Forwards: seniors Molly Priebie (Canton), Megan Johnson (John Glenn(and Jamie Radley (Livonia Stevenson) and sophomore Kelly Adsit (Salem).

Keepers: seniors Alyssa Guerrin (Salem), Brittany Cervi (Canton) and sophomore Brittany Warner (Plymouth).

Honorable Mention, Western and Lakes Divisions 2005:

Northville: Amy Cauzillo, Tessa Adkins, Katie Weicksel and

Kate Hawthorne; Canton: Lisa Ealy, Becci Houdek, Christie Daniels, Bailey Fagen and Stephanie Price; Salem: Tara Duncan, Erica Arndt, Ashley Stoycoff and Andrea Gaparotto; Plymouth: Courtney Pickard, Clare Baptist, Chelsey Quinlan and Val Klemmer; Wayne Memorial: Whitney Jacobs, Becky Sikora, Danielle Borg, Nichole Pierson and Jillian Rudy; John Glenn: Jessica Williams, Jamie Allen and Melanie Stowkey; Churchill: Laura Jetke, Julie Dzwonkowski and Julie Mitchell; Franklin: Meghan Horgan, Kacie Horn, Carly Muncy and Jessica Austin; Western: Sarah Backos and Jodi Startton; Central: Jessica Helton, Lauren Kelly, Ashley Erickson and Cassy Reterstorf; and Northern: Kristina Naife, Chelsea Smith and Jillian



Salem's Andrea Gasparatto (12) and Canton's Becci Houdek fight for possession during their district championship game. Both received honorable mentions for the WLAA All-Division team.





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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES JUNE 7, 2005

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Herman, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Recreation and Facilities Deputy Director Averill, Public Safety Director Champagne, Water and Sewer Director Duha, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of fourteen (14).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, Payne seconded to approve the agenda amended. Add additional language to New Business Item #5 Resolution 2005-24, to adopt the Revolving Fund (SRF) Project Plan for the Equalization Basin and to remove New Business Item #10 "Consider first reading of Ordinance 06-07-05 (1) to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended, to revise regulations pertaining to Accessory Buildings in Article IV, General Provisions – Section 4.14 A & B – Accessory Buildings, Structures and Uses.". Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Hart moved, Herman seconded to open the public hearing to receive comment on establishing a Street Lighting Special Assessment District (SAD) to install and maintain streetlights in the Country Walk Condominiums Phases 1 and 2. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Director Kelley for an explanation. Director Kelley stated this is the first of two actions by the Board of Trustees to establish a Special Assessment District for installing and maintaining overhead street lighting in the Country Walk Condominiums for Phases 1 and 2. This development is located north of Savage Road, east of Martinsville Road and south of the Norfolk & Southern Railway. This is an option available to developments in the township in which DTE Energy will install and maintain overhead street lighting and the homeowners are billed annually. This public hearing is to approve the Special Assessment District area. The Township uses the special assessment process to provide a method to collect payment for street lighting via the property tax bill. The initial capital outlay will be \$99,284.98 and is to be paid by the developer. The initial annual cost of \$15,203.17 is to be spread among the 177 single family units in Phase 1 and 120 multiple family units in Phase 2 with an annual cost of \$51.20 per unit.

Trustee Hart inquired about the amount of the annual cost being slightly higher then in other subdivisions? Director Kelley stated the development is approximately 200 acres with 55 street light posts to be installed which increases the cost.

There were no comments from the audience.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Hart moved, Payne seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

Jahr moved, Herman seconded to open the public hearing to receive comment on the special assessment roll for the purpose of installing and maintaining streetlights in the public road right-of-way in the Rolan Meadows Subdivision. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Director Kelley for an explanation. Director Kelley stated this is the second of two actions by the Board of Trustees to establish a Special Assessment District for installing and maintaining overhead street lighting for 156 residential lots in the Rolan Meadows Subdivision which is located south off Tyler Road between Morton-Taylor Road and Haggerty Road. Before the Board is the resolution approving and spreading the assessment roll over the benefited parcels of land within the development to be collected on a yearly basis via the property tax bill. The initial capital outlay will be \$11.373.87 and is to be paid by the developer, Bayfield West. The initial annual cost of \$3,726.39 is to be spread among the 60 homes with an annual cost of \$62.11 per lot to be paid by the homeowners.

Trustee Rochowiak stated it was good to see the developer requesting to install street lights in this subdivision before the homes are all completed so it will not disturb the landscaping.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Budd moved, Rochowiak seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

Payne moved, Hart seconded to open the public hearing to receive public comment on the request by Visteon Corporation for special use approval to operate a Fitness Center at the Visteon Village. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and went to Director Kelley for an explanation. Director Kelley stated this is a request by the Visteon Corporation to operate a Fitness Center in its Visteon Village. It is not uncommon to find this type of amenity in larger corporations for its employees. The Zoning Ordinance requires this type of use receive a special use approval from the Township Board. This request is different from the typical special land uses brought before the Township in that it is for a special use located in a building that already exists. The proposed use would occupy approximately 11,000 square feet within the development. In addition, infrastructure improvements have been completed which connect the ring roads around the development. This facility is solely for the use of Visteon employees and not available to the general public.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Jahr moved, Herman seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

MINUTES: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of May 16, 2005 as presented. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2005 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: June is the Annual Down River Blood Drive month and Van Buren Township will being hosting a Blood Drive on Monday, June 27th from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Van Buren Township Hall. For other Wayne County locations and dates contact the Supervisor's Office at 734.699.8910.

A thank you letter from Christine Reiner of the Piety Hill Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution for the assistance from township staff in marking the grave sites located in Soop Cemetery.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Herman seconded to approve accepting the 2004 Audits from Plante & Moran. Carried.

Payne moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Technology Strategic Plan (full technology development plan) at a cost not to exceed \$39,000 and to authorize the Supervisor and the Clerk to execute the agreement along with the vendor Plante and Moran. Carried.

Payne moved, Hart seconded to approve the purchase of the equipment for Wide Area Data Network and to approve the necessary funds transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund with the additional transfer from the Landfill Fund. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Action Plan as recommended by Recreation Committee and the Parks and Recreation Department for use of Wayne County grant award. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Jahr seconded to adopt Resolution 2005-24 to formally adopt the Revolving Fund (SRF) Project Plan for the construction of sewers and an equalization basin, to agree to implement the selected alternative, and to designate the Water and Sewer Department Director, Patti J. Duha, as the authorized representative for all activities associated with the project. Carried.

Hart moved, Herman seconded to adopt Resolution 2005-22 to establish a Special Assessment District (SAD) for the purpose of installing and maintaining streetlights in the Country Walk Condominiums Phases 1 and 2. Carried.

Herman moved, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2005-23 approving and spreading the special assessment roll for the purpose of installing and maintaining streetlights in the public road right-of-way in the Rolan Meadows Subdivision. Carried.

Payne moved, Hart seconded to approve the special land use request by the Visteon Corporation to operate a Fitness Center in the Visteon Village, parcel number V125-83-045-99-0020-703, per the Planning Commissions facts and findings and the letter from the Township's planning consultant dated March 3, 2005. Carried.

Herman moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the First Amendment to the Planned Residential Development Agreement dated April 16, 2002 between Creative Land Design, Inc. and the Charter Township of Van Buren for the Country Walk residential site condominium project. Carried.

Herman moved, Jahr seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 06-07-05 (2) to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended, to revise regulations pertaining to Signs in Article IV, General Provisions – Section 4.23 – Signs. Carried.

*(A synopsis of Ordinance 06-07-05 (2) follows the minutes. A complete copy may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

Payne moved, Budd seconded to table the first reading of Ordinance 06-07-05 (3) to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended, to rezone approximately 14.74 acres, a portion of parcel V125-83-134-99-0002-703 and located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Hull and Sumpter Roads, from AG (Agricultural and Estate) to C-1 (General Business) and to send this item back to the Planning Commission for additional study and a recommendation that has evaluated the proportionate share of commercial land use between the north and south half of the township, land uses on four corners of the thoroughfares in other portions of the township, and more specifically noting that two of the three adjoining corners of the subject parcel have had commercial uses for approximately the last thirty years, with the fourth slated for a new fire station and finally that access to existing commercial shopping districts in the north half of the township has become more difficult. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the June 7, 2005 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the April 2005 Budgetary Report and April 2005 Public Safety Report received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: On June 17th through June 19th the Strawberry Festival will held with the Strawberry Festival Parade to be held on June 18th at 11:00 a.m. beginning at Belleville High School.

The Recreation Department is offering the following programs and events: A Detroit Tigers basebal prip on Friday, July 15th. The "Takin' It To The Streets" program will be held a various locations through out the township on Thursday, June 16th at Tyler School, Thursday, July 14th at Edgemont School, and on July 21st at Wayne County Community allege Campus for the complete schedule contact the Recreation Department. Also, the 2005 Fireworks and Craft Show with the Craft Show to be held on July 24th, 25th, and 26th and the Fireworks display to be held at dusk on June 25th at Beck Ball Fields. To register for programs and for more information please call 734.699.8921.

Clerk Payne announced the new voting equipment which was purchased with HAVA (Help America Vote Act) funds has been delivered to the township. Further stating there will be a Special Election on August 2nd for the Wayne County Parks Millage Renewal and noting the new voting equipment will not be used until 2006.

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OBITUARIES

COUSINS, Theresia

Theresia A. "Teri" Cousins, 57, of Highland, formerly of Livonia and Detroit, died May 29.

Among her survivors are her daughter, Jodi L. (Daniel) Hayward of Highland; her mother, Billie (Doyle) Wise of Belleville; siblings, Sandra Bally of Highland, Allen (Becky) Cox of Canton Township and Gary Cox of Inkster; stepbrother, Lane (Carol) Wise of Westland and stepsister, Jodie (Glen) Wieckel of Sterling Heights; six nephews, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Bill O'Nan and Pastor Kenneth Belch officiating.

Interment was at Hillside Cemetery.

LEFFLER, James

James R. "Red Man" Leffler, Sr., 66, a lifelong resident of Sumpter Township, died May 30.

Among his survivors are his wife of nearly 48 years, Barbara Jean (Wheeler) Leffler; children, Cary (Ralph) Varney of Ypsilanti, Ada Mae Arnold of Wisconsin, Tina (Barry) Stiers of Whittaker and James R. Leffler, Jr. of Belleville; siblings, Howard Leffler of Monroe, Leota Leffler of Cass City, Patricia (Chuck) Reeves, Erma Jean (Jack) Moss of Wayne, Victor (Sandra) Leffler of Detroit, Robert (Dorothy) Lefler of Belleville, Timmy (Dixie) Leffler of Ypsilanti, Susie (Walker) Lane of Taylor, Roy Leffler, Jr. of Belleville and Jesse (Mary) Leffler of Cass City; 18 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Leffler was a member of The Lord's House Church in Belleville and a former member of the Belleville Moose Lodge 934.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Gary Barton officiating.

Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton Township.

BOWER, Earl

Earl R. "Sonny" Bower, 62, of Van Buren Township, died June 5.

Among his survivors are his fiancée, Pam Brady of Belleville; his children, Christine (David) Mientkiewwicz of Pinckney, Charmaine (David) Prichard of Ann Arbor, Robert Earl (Billie Jean) Bower of Italy, Gordon "Rob" Bower of Belleville, Douglas Ryan Bower of Charlotte, and Marcie Bower of Canton Township; a stepson, Barry (Tiffany) Brady of Garden City, and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Bower was a lifelong resident of the Belleville area.

He was employed by the Ford Motor Co. at the Rawsonville Plant for nearly 44 years. He was a car enthusiast and enjoyed the Ypsilanti Street Rods car shows.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Beth D. Titus officiating.

Interment was at Denton Cemetery in Van Buren Township.

HULL, Janet

Janet D. Hull, 73, of Inkster, formerly of Belleville, died June 10.

Among her survivors are her children, Guy (Debra) Hilden of Belleville and Mary (Robert) Browning of Romulus; seven grandchildren, and 17 grandchildren.

Mrs. Hull was employed at the Ford Motor Co. Rawsonville Plant until her retirement in 1975.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with Chaplain Fred Cislo, Jr. officiating.

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Goddard Road Culvert Replacements
City of Romulus Tax Increment Finance Authority
June 7, 2005

Sealed Bids for Goddard Road Culvert Replacement will be received by City of Romulus until 2:00 pm local time, on June 28, 2005, by Ms. Linda R. Choate located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174. The approximate quantities of major items of work involved are as follows:

Removal and replacement of two concrete box culverts under Goddard Road including drainage and pavement improvements to the surrounding area. Approximate sizes and lengths are 65 linear feet of 12 feet by 5 feet culvert and 105 linear feet of 13 feet by 5 feet culvert.

The Contract Documents for this project are on file and may be examined on and after 2:00 pm, June 14, 2005, at the following locations: the office of the ENGINEER, Orchard, Hiltz, & McCliment, Inc., 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150; area offices of Dodge Reports, 25330 Telegraph, Suite 350, Southfield, MI 48034; Construction Market Data, 40000 Grand River, Suite 404, Novi, MI 48375; the Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), 43636 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-3204; and the City of Romulus, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

Copies thereof may be obtained on or after 2:00 pm, local time, June 14, 2005, at the office of the ENGINEER, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150. A fee of thirty (\$50.00) non-refundable will be charged for each set of Contract Documents. An additional fee of five (\$20.00) non-refundable will be charged for each set of Contract Documents that are mailed.

All bids must be plainly marked on the envelope "Romulus Bid No. 04/05-35 Goddard Road Culvert Replacements.

Bid Security in the form of a Bid Bond for a sum no less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid will be required with each Bid.

The OWNER reserves the right to accept any Bid, reject any Bid, or waive irregularities in Bids. No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of one hundred-twenty (120) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of the Bids.

Ms. Linda R. Choate, City Clerk

Publish: June 16, 2005

Cremation rites were accorded.

DUNSMORE, Zena

Zena B. Dunsmore, 75, of Ypsilanti, died June 8.

Among he survivors are her children, Larry Dunsmore of Willis and Norma (Russell) Gilliam of Delphia, KY; a sister, Dorothy Cahhoun of Somerset, Ky.; four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Dunsmore was an avid music fan and played the guitar. She cut her own country western album and once played at the Grand Ole Opry.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home I Belleville with Pastor Robert J. White officiating.

Interment was at Washtenong Memorial Park in Ann Arbor.

PETERSON, Ken

Ken Peterson, of Belleville, died May 27. Among his survivors are his wife, Audrey; children, Margaret (Ron) La Casse, Gloria Steward and Samuel Kenneth; five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne.

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The Board of Trustee Meeting of August 2, 2005 will be cancelled due to the Special Election.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Residents of Country Pond Estates expressed concerns regarding the completion of the subdivision and the lack of cooperation from the builder and developer. Specifically discussed were issues relating to drainage, ponds, trees, common areas, roads and sidewalks. Supervisor King requested Director Kelley to setup a meeting between the homeowner association, builder, developer and township staff.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to adjourn at 10:32 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC Township Clerk

Cindy C. King Township Supervisor

Publish: June 16, 2005

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN COUNTY OF WAYNE STATE OF MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 06/07/05(2) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE 6-2-92, AS AMENDED, OF THE REGULATIONS OF VAN BUREN TO REVISE REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO SIGNS

First Reading of Ordinance 06/07/05(2), Second reading for adoption will be held at the 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, June 21, 2005 to be held in the Board Room, in the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111.

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance 06-02-92, as amended, of the Charter Township of Van Buren,

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Article IV. General Provisions, Section 4.23 Amend

Section 2. Conflicts
Section 3. Severability
Section 4. Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the 7th day of June, 2005.

YEAS: King, Payne, Budd, Hart, Herman, Jahr and Rochowiak.

NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None.

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days after passage.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

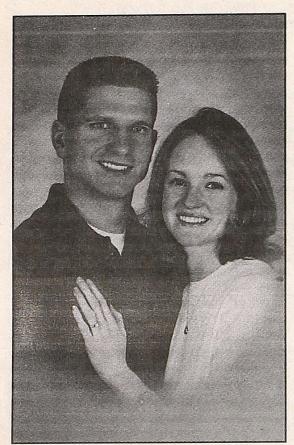
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Scott—Inkrott

Erin Scott and Kevin Inkrott will be married Feb. 25, 2006.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Jim and Abbie Scott of Wayne. She is a 2004 graduate of Adrian College where she earned her bachelor's degree in English. This spring, she earned her teaching certificate and master's degree at the University of Michigan.

She plans on teaching elementary

The prospective groom is the son of Ron and Connie Inkrott of Jerry

He earned his bachelor's degree in communications from Adrian College

A Northville resident, he is currently a service manager with the Cintas Corp.

The couple met while in college.

They are planning an evening wedding service at the First Congregational Church in Wayne with the Rev. Rob Joy officiating.

Johnston—Marshall

Stacey L. Johnston will become the bride of David E. Marshall on July 9.

The bride-elect is a resident of Flint.

The prospective groom is a retired fire captain with the Westland Fire Department.

The nuptials are planned at the Bova Veterans of Foreign Wars hall.

Girlstown seeks summer donations

For the fourth year, Girlstown Foundation in Belleville has been selected along with other Michigan organizations to participate in the Detroit Free Press Children First program—Summer Dreams "Girls Just Want to Have Fun."

Since 1993, individual donors and the Skillman Foundation have provided almost \$11.2 million to this summer program. The Skillman Foundation provides \$500,000 in matching funds for the entire program.

This year, the total program cost is \$9.693 and Girlstown needs the help of the community to raise about \$4,981.50. The Skillman Foundation will match all local donations dollar for dollar.

Since the theme is "Girls Just Want to Have Fun," the fun will run from June through August with classes in golf, tennis, cheerleading, volleyball, basketball, creative dance, art, music, health, nutrition and diet and field trips.

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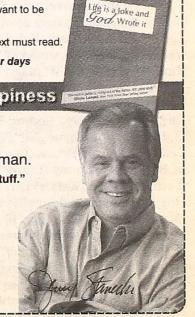
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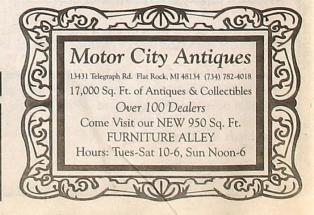
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59. Auctions

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF **PUBLIC AUCTION**

On JUNE 21, 2005 the Westland Police Department will conduct public auctions of impounded abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00am at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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1995 Honda Civic 4 Dr Blue 1HGEG865XSL054069

1991 Buick Century 4 Dr Grav 3G4AL54R5MS613629

1988 Mercury Marquis 4 Dr Silver 2MEBM75F9JX662454

1993 Ford Taurus 4 Dr Burgundy 1FACP5245PG178175 1991 Chrysler LeBaron 2 Dr Brown 1C3XJ5138MG135360

1973 Yamaha Motorcycle Black 447121763

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F43-Elizabeth Matthews:

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toys, chairs

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American Title Insurance Company et al., Case No. 00-72124. In this suit, Plaintiffs claim that First American Title Insurance Company, (hereafter "First American"), repeatedly violated two provisions of the Real Estate Settlement

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services. Plaintiffs claim this activity unnecessarily increased the cost of title insurance to consumers throughout Michigan. They seek statutory damages of three times the total cost of the settlement service for each Class member, plus attorney's

total cost of the settlement service for each Class member, plus attorney's fees, interest and costs. The Defendant denies all the claims made against them. Probable Members of the Class known to the Court and counsel will soon receive a full Notice in the mail. If you believe

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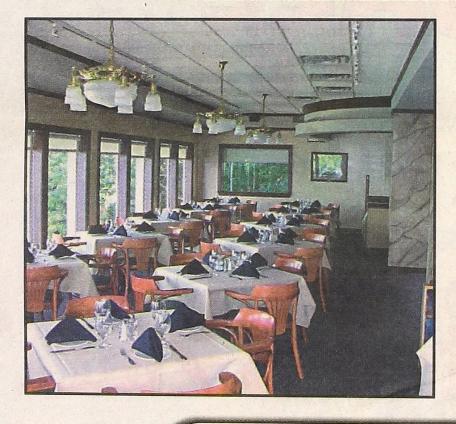
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